BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-331-C - ORDER NO. 98-234

MARCH 26, 1998

IN RE: Request to Expand Local Calling Area of the

New Ellenton Exchange.

ORDER ³

DENYING EXPANDED

LOCAL CALLING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on the request to expand the local calling area of the New Ellenton exchange. Pursuant to Commission Order, the residents of the area were balloted as to their preference for expanded local calling. The ballet results were as follows: 2,860 in favor, and 6,326 opposed. Because of the overwhelming number of residents opposed to the expanded local calling, we hereby deny the request.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

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